

Hot Book Season at the Library Kris Wiley for The News-Review

Fall is the biggest season of the year for new books, and Roseburg Public Library will have the hottest titles available for checkout.

The easiest way to keep up with the library's acquisitions of physical books is by visiting the online catalog at roseburg.biblionix.com. Click on the "What's New" link under the green "What's Hot" tab. Users can sort by item type and time frame in which material was added. Click on the "Search" button for results.

Roseburg Public Library cardholders may place holds on materials by logging into their account with their 14-digit card number. The default password is the 10-digit phone number used to create the account.

The library provides access to digital books and audiobooks through two apps, CloudLibrary and Libby. Roseburg Library cardholders may log into the apps with their card number and account password.

Dan Brown's new Robert Langdon thriller, "The Secret of Secrets," is the most requested book so far this season. I love Langdon's globetrotting escapades, and this one features Prague, London and New York as the professor of symbology becomes involved in a murder and the disappearance of his girlfriend.

I'm a big fan of the Thursday Murder Club series by Richard Osman, and the fifth book, "The Impossible Fortune," is just as good as the rest. The retirement home quartet of Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron is on the case of a missing person and a puzzle that may be worth killing for.

I recommend reading Osman's series in order, starting with "The Thursday Murder Club." And check out the screen adaptation starring Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan, Ben Kingsley and Celia Imrie.

This time of year coincides with major book awards season, and "The Wilderness" by Angela Flournoy is a contender for the National Book Award for Fiction. Flournoy's sophomore novel – after "The Turner House" – spans the 20-year friendship of five Black women navigating the wilderness of adulthood.

"The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny," acclaimed author Kiran Desai's first novel in 20 years, appears on the Booker Prize shortlist. The love story bridges generations and continents with themes of class, race and family bonds.

Romance readers should take note of Lyla Sage's latest, "Soul Searching," a saucy contemporary love story with a supernatural twist.

The library will host Sage for a virtual visit at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. In-person attendees will receive a free copy of “Soul Searching.” The library also will give away five sets of Sage’s four-book Rebel Blue Ranch series. The program will be streamed on Facebook Live @roseburglibrary.

For junior readers, the second book in the Impossible Creatures series by Katherine Rundell with art by Ashley Mackenzie just hit the shelves. “The Poisoned King” returns to the Archipelago, a magical world of dragons and other mythical creatures. Christopher is back, and this time he must root out a poison that is spreading in the Archipelago.

Be sure to check all three resources – the library’s online catalog, CloudLibrary and Libby – for the latest releases and older titles.

Happy fall reading!

Next week’s events

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. – Online Book Group (email kwiley@roseburgor.gov for the Zoom link)

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 3-5 p.m. – Teen volunteer hours

Thursday, Oct. 16, 10:15 a.m. – Storytime with Aurora

Thursday, Oct. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Kids STEAM activity

Thursday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m. – Disability rights activist Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins (watch Zoom presentation at library or on Facebook Live @roseburglibrary)